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Honorable Jerry Costello 144 Lincoln Place Court, Suite 4 Belleville, Illinois 62221

Dear Congressman Costello:

Effective May 27, 2011, President Obama declared counties in Missouri Major disaster areas due to severe storms, tornadoes and flooding which occurred April 19, 2011 and continuing. This designation affects the following counties in Illinois:

Illinois Contiguous Counties (4)

Jackson

Monroe

Randolph

Union

Emergency loan applications will be received through January 27, 2012 for physical and production losses. Applications pending on the above date may be processed and completed. The disaster declaration number is **M1980**, **Amendment 3**.

For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incident period is April 19, 2011.

Sincerely,

Scherrie V. Giamánco State Executive Director

Illinois State FSA Office